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REMEMBERING SENIORS THIS SEASON

On Dec. 11, member of the Bayfield Lions' Club set out to visit those people in the community who have achieved the age of 80 plus as well as homebound individuals. Over 75 visits were made with all octogenarians receiving a small gift and exuberant wishes for a Merry Christmas. It was discovered that some members of

WORSHIP SERVICES

Village churches extend an invitation to all in the community to join them in their services marking the arrival of the Christ Child.

At Trinity Anglican Church a Sung Eucharist will be held starting at 10 p.m. on Dec. 24. And then on Dec. 26 a Lessons and Carols Service will be held at 9:30 a.m. There will also be a Holy Communion Service at 8 a.m. on Dec. 26.

The congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church in Bayfield will celebrate with a Service of Carols and Candlelight, featuring, "The Shepherd's Tale" on Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. And then on Dec. 26 at 11 a.m. the first Sunday after Christmas will be recognized with a Service of Prayer, Scripture and Song.

The congregation of St. Andrew's United Church will be hosting their Christmas Eve Communion Service to be held on Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

EMPTIES FOR ALZHEIMERS

the community had moved but Santa's helpers managed to find them again this year. Before heading out in their respective sleighs, Santa's helpers Bob Merriman, Dave Overboe and Tom Grasby posed with their elves, and fellow Lions: Ingid Rath, Jerry Stirling, Tony Van Bakel, Tom Dawe, Dave Nearingburg, Ron Harris and Bill Rowatt.

In other news, the always-popular Lions' Turkey Bingo came up against, not just one but, two winter storms and so it was cancelled. The Lions are hoping for a calmer start to December 2011 and have scheduled the event for the first Monday of that month. (Submitted photo)

"GIFT OF THE MAGI" PRESENTATION RESULTS IN MANY GIFTS OF FOOD

STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

A presentation of the "Gift of the Magi" resulted in the presentation of many more "gifts" for both local and area food banks. Six hundred dollars was raised from the Dec. 12 event held at the Bayfield Town Hall. Several hundred dollars of donated food items were also collected.

Rev. Angela Brands, of Trinity Anglican Church, and Mary Ellen Zielman, Operations Manager, Huron County Food Bank Distribution Center (HCFBDC) each accepted $300 from the event presented by the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society (BTHHS) as well as The Village Bookshop. Bayfield's Trinity Anglican Church operates a locally based outreach program known as Feed My Sheep. The HCFBDC is located in Exeter.

Approximately, 75 people attended the reading of the "Gift of the Magi". Margo Robeson, president of the BTHHS, welcomed all to the historic town hall and thanked The United Communities Credit Union, Clinton Branch, for their sponsorship of the afternoon. She also thanked The Village Bookshop, guest readers and Blyth Festival Singers for their support and participation.

Three guest readers told the story. They were Playwright Paul Ciufo, author of the recent Blyth Festival production, "The Killing Snow"; Mary Brown, owner of The Village Bookshop; and tireless Bayfield community worker, Gail Grant.

Thirty members of the Blyth Festival Singers graciously donated their afternoon to provide musical accompaniment for the reading. The choir performed a variety of Christmas Carols, some with accompaniment and some a cappella ending with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".

Key players in the "Gift of the Magi" event (l-r): Gary Coursey, of the Blyth Festival Singers; readers, Paul Ciufo and Mary Brown were thanked by Bayfield Town Hall representative, Pat Langley, at the conclusion of the performance. Reader, Gail Grant was not present for the photograph as she was off making the hot chocolate to be served afterwards. (Photo by Roger Lewington).

Two Bayfield women would like to invite everyone to share your empties for Alzheimer's Disease this holiday season.

Dianne Brandon and Carrie Courtney will be participating in the 2011 Walk for Memories on Jan. 29 and they have come up with a unique idea as a fundraiser.

It is, of course, hoped that everyone will celebrate responsibly this festive season and when doing so plan to donate the empty beer bottles and cans; wine and liquor bottles and even soda cans as well, to their team, "For the Love of Elane and Doris". The ladies being honored are currently living with Alzheimers, Elane Brandon, Courtney's grandmother, and Doris Schilbe, Dianne's mother.

Empties of all sorts may be dropped off at Brandon's Hardware in Bayfield, or arrangements can be made for pick up on Jan. 9 (other times can be arranged as well). For more information call Brandon's Hardware at 519 565-2677.

CLUB 21

Huron County's Club 21 is a new non-profit group for families and individuals with Down's Syndrome living in the county.

The local Club 21 has members with Down's Syndrome ranging in age from two to 35 years of age.

Some of the membership is still in school and living at home while others are young adults either living at home with their parents or in a group home environment; all are leading productive lives.

Events that Club 21 members currently can enjoy include: Mom's Night Out, pumpkin carving, a summertime barbeque and a Christmas Dinner and Dance.

The county club has produced a calendar to provide funds to help support the children and their families. Members of the county Club 21 are featured in the calendar that is on sale now for $15 each. Anyone who would like to purchase a copy of the calendar can contact Rose Dundass at 519 565-2235.

FILM SOCIETY

The Bayfield Film Society has moved their Fall Series to Wednesday nights. The final cinematic experience of the fall series was to be shown on Dec. 8 but has now been rescheduled for Jan. 12.

The film, entitled, Me & Orsen Wells, will be shown at the Bayfield Town Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m.

This is an opportunity to see Toronto Film Festival Films without having to leave the village. For more

CHRISTMAS BUREAU HELPS OVER 1,000 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Not only will it be a White Christmas in the county it will also be a very merry one thanks to the efforts of all those who supported the Huron County Christmas Bureau (HCCB).

Gail Grant, PR Chair of the Central Committee, stated in a letter to the editor that 1,089 children and their families were assisted this year.

“Year after year, you (the community) demonstrate the true spirit of Christmas through your concern for others. Thank you!” wrote Grant.

She went on to say that the weather certainly disrupted the appointment schedule, but the needs of every family that contacted the HCCB were met. Appointments for families to visit the five bureaus located in Goderich, Clinton, Exeter, Seaforth and Wingham were scheduled for the week of Dec. 13 to 17.

“The volunteers at the five bureaus again did yeoman duty, the whole community thanks them,” she wrote.

She also thanked the local media, the Bayfield Breeze included, for getting the word out about the HCCB.

“We in Huron County do indeed care about each others’ Christmas. How fortunate we are to have concerned media; thank you. Merry Christmas to all!” concluded Grant.

WINTER A GREAT TIME TO VISIT A CONSERVATION AREA - DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERA!

People across the province are being encouraged to show off their talents as well as their favorite conservation area by getting out and taking pictures for the 2011 Ontario Conservation Areas Photo Contest (OCAPC).

A photo of Rock Glen Falls at Rock Glen Conservation Area in Arkona, taken by Corrie White, won an honorable mention in last year’s contest.

Ideas are limited only to the fact that your image must be taken within an Ontario conservation area – so ideas abound amongst the flora and fauna.

The OCAPC is looking for your best photograph in three categories: People of all ages enjoying conservation areas; my favorite conservation area; or wildlife is everywhere in conservation areas.

Judges will be looking for outstanding images that showcase the best of what Ontario’s conservation areas have to offer.

The OCAPC runs from now until October 31, 2011 and offers prize packages totaling more than $1,500.

The contest has two purposes. First of all, it will get people out exploring their local conservation areas. Secondly, it’s a way for Conservation Ontario to build its image library.

“We have more than 260 conservation areas across Ontario that offer a variety of recreational opportunities and special events all year round. Because Conservation Areas are close to urban centres, they are accessible outdoor destinations and play an important role in the health and well-being of Ontario’s residents,” said Don Pearson, general manager of Conservation Ontario, the main sponsor behind the contest. “It might seem like a long wait to find out if you are one of the winners, but we wanted people to have a chance to send in pictures from each season and reflecting the range of activities and special events that we offer.”

For more information on the prizes, rules, regulations and how to submit photographs, go to www.ontarioconservationareas.ca

information and for tickets call Jane Rowat at 519 565-5838 or e-mail wjrowat@tcc.on.ca.

FITNESS FUN

The season of New Year’s resolutions is almost upon us and there are plenty of opportunities to keep those promises made to stay fit right here in Bayfield.

The following activities are scheduled to commence the week of Jan. 3 and continuing until Apr. 21.

Indoor Walking sessions will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bayfield Community Centre on Mondays and Wednesdays.

For the more adventurous among us, Pole Walking will also begin again. Walks for women will start at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, while the men can venture out on Mondays and Fridays at 8:30 p.m. All walks begin from 6 Main Street and poles are provided for those who require them.

Dancefit and Toning classes continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. The Sit and Get Fit Classes take place on Mondays and Wednesdays at
10:15 a.m. On Fridays at 10 a.m., April Hulley will teach a Stretching Class, participants are asked to bring a yoga mat. These three classes are held at the Bayfield Community Centre.

A Yoga Class will be held at the Bayfield Town Hall starting at 7 p.m. on Mondays.

Badminton is being played at Huron Centennial School in Brucefield starting at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

There is also an opportunity to play pick up volleyball at Huron Centennial on Monday nights from 8-10:30 p.m. People have been sharing in the fun of this sport for over 30 years and newcomers are always welcome; all participants need is $2 to help cover the rental fee and clean running shoes. For more information email jlaurie@tcc.on.ca.

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REMEMBER ME?

There are countless photographs of people in the Bayfield Historical Society's Archives collection, but sadly their names were never recorded. In this section we will showcase an image with the hopes that one of our subscribers might be able to identify the individual(s) in the photo. Please email your information to the Editor's attention at the address listed near the bottom of the page in "Submissions" or you can email the archivist directly at bayarchives@tcc.on.ca.

This week, a photo of a very prominent village family is pictured. The image was taken in 1912. Does anyone remember them?

Make your comments...click on any image and it will take you to Flickr.

ISSUE 75

In Issue 75, we contrasted the bleak weather outside, with a photo of a delightful garden taken in 1958. The proud gardener standing amongst the flowers is Mrs. Hobson. Does anyone know anything about this lady with the green thumb?

ISSUE 76

In Issue 76, a photograph taken in Oct. of 1964 was highlighted. A subscriber posted to Flickr that the couple is Mr. and Mrs. Jan Koene and the children are Brom, Nancy and Jim. The family posed for the photo when Mrs. Koene's mother was visiting from Holland.

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PHOTO STORY

A MERRY LITTLE TRADITION IS BORN

OUR VILLAGE ON A COLD WINTER'S NIGHT

This picture may indicate the main reason we celebrate Christmas in Bayfield on the second weekend in November; for then there is less chance of a scene like this one - shot in the business section of town on Main Street.

Twinkling white lights brightly reflect on the snow at the heart of the village - Clan Gregor Square.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

How long do you have to do something on an annual basis before it becomes a tradition?

Last year at this time I let my Bayfield Breeze subscribers in on a little holiday tradition that my husband and I look forward to each year.

On a night close to Christmas, when no room at the Inn is required, we pour some hot chocolate in a thermos, put holiday tunes on the car radio and drive about the village looking at the holiday lights.

Last year I took my camera so that I could share the wonderful scenes with our subscribers and this year I did the same.

The difference in images captured from this year to last is definitely the addition of an abundance of the white stuff. There were many homes where the decorative deer were up to their necks in snow.

What added to the magic of the evening was the moon - a lunar eclipse was just hours away on the eve of Winter Solstice. Luckily I managed to get a couple pictures of this majestic moon before the clouds consumed it.

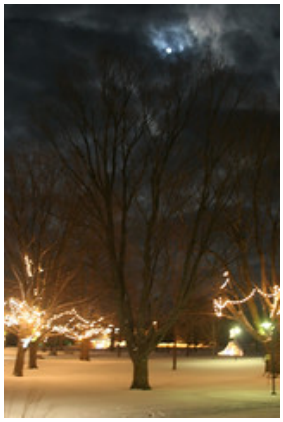
So in the spirit of establishing a tradition - here is our holiday postcard to you, the 2010 version.

A little tree in front of this house on Eugene Street is all decked out for the holidays becoming the focal point of the landscape.

There is no better invitation to family and friends arriving for the holidays than a brightly decorated front entrance; this home on Christy Street warmly welcomes all who knock.

Nothing says Christmas in Canada better than a coniferous tree shimmering with lights and snow on a cold winter's night. This one can be found at a home on Sarnia Street.

Outlined in white lights, this home on Carriage Lane becomes the decoration.



Christmas came early for astronomy enthusiasts at 2:41 a.m. on Dec. 21 as the winter solstice was ushered in by a total lunar eclipse. This photo was taken around 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 20 when the moon was so bright, despite the clouds, it wasn't hard to imagine that something magical was soon to happen. The next such spectacle isn't set to occur until 2094 for those of you who, like the photographer, chose sleep over watching the event occur.

Santa Claus and his reindeer take a test flight from the lawn of a home on Tuyll Street. Rudolph's nose will not be needed to guide the team if the moon shines as brightly on Dec. 24 as it did on the eve of Winter Solstice.

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PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

ROYAL WOOD by Richard Fitoussi

MARTINIS & MISTLETOE

On Dec. 19, 40 people enjoyed an intimate evening of high caliber music when Royal Wood performed a concert at The Little Inn of Bayfield as part of the Bayfield Concert Series. Complimentary champagne and hors d'oeuvres created by Chef Joseph Petrinac added some festive touches to the show entitled, Martinis and Mistletoe.

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO

Email your photo in Jpeg format to bayfield.breeze@villageofbayfield.com with the subject line Subscriber Photo of the Week. or...Upload your photo to Flickr.

I am looking for the Bayfield that is a delight to the eye – please share photos with a touch of whimsy, beauty, humor or a sense of fun. If you are to include people in your photos be sure to have their permission to publish their picture on-line and also send in their names and where they are from. And don't forget to tell me who took the photo for proper credit to be issued

Melody Falconer-Pounder

SUBMISSIONS

Last Christmas, my niece, Jackie, and her husband, Franck, announced at the Pounder family gift exchange that they were expecting their first child together in July of 2010. He or she would be the first wee infant to arrive in the family for nearly a quarter century – you can imagine the excitement that news generated through all gathered there.

This will be my great nephew Jackson's first Christmas and at five months he is sure to be right in the thick of things – between naps of course.

Celebrating family and friends is what the holidays are all about and I have been blessed with two terrific clans – the one I married into and the one I was born into. Both enjoy Christmas and family.

I have had the pleasure of participating in Pounder Christmases for 22 years now. There was but a dozen souls at my first soiree still a far cry from the usual three or four that gathered round our tree at home. In fact, during those early years I used to have to go and take a wee break in a quiet space away from the hubbub until I got myself accustomed to all the excitement. And now this holiday there will be 21 people, and two dogs, squeezed into the living room at the home of our matriarch and patriarch ready to share in the joys of the season over our gift exchange.

And that will be the greatest gift of all.

On behalf of the Bayfield Breeze Committee and their families a very Merry Christmas to all our subscribers. - Melody

Ideas and contributions to the Bayfield Breeze are always welcome.
Deadlines for submissions are Sundays at 4 p.m.

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Hope to see you online soon at www.villageofbayfield.com

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